



Welcome to the National Wine Centre of Australia.

Although a wine list is usually supposed to provide clarity to a drinker's decision making, we give you fair warning that reading this will most likely add to the confusion. Fear not, our staff know how to spell and use grammar when required, but with 120 white, rosé and red wines available by the glass, as well as a decent smattering of well-chosen sparkling, sweet and fortified options we wish you the best of luck in this endeavour.

Our advice is simple! Walk around our Wined Bar and look at all our pretty and enticing bottles and select something that jumps out at you and says "Drink me," but not in the *Alice in Wonderland* likely to shrink way but definitely in the *Alice in Wonderland* you will be taken on an amazing journey kind of way.

Enjoy!

"If I ever found a pot of gold

I'd buy bottles untold of the nectar of the vines

'Cause I'm going to die with a twinkle in my eye

'Cause I sung songs, spun stories, loved, laughed, and drank wine"

The Cat Empire, 2003



NWC at Home



With the moon socially distancing itself from Earth right now, we have changed our model of masterclasses and ways educating people in the wonders of wine. We are conducting masterclasses virtually through Zoom each Thursday night covering each Australian region in alphabetical order. The perks of this is that we are opening a lot of really nice bottles. So if you want to join in on the fun and partake in a glass or two from a region that you might not be familiar with then feel free to sample a flight or a glass or two.

Week 5: Heathcote

Wine Flights – Red or White \$18 ea.

2017 Lethbridge Il Modo Greco *Heathcote, VIC*

2018 Tellurian Wines Fiano *Heathcote, VIC*

2018 Chalmers Nero D'Avola *Heathcote, VIC*

2013 Jasper Hill 'Georgia's Paddock' Nebbiolo *Heathcote, VIC*

2018 Valentine Grenache *Heathcote, VIC*

2018 Syrahmi 'Demi' Syrah *Heathcote, VIC*

2019 Reed Wines 'Bambino' Nebbiolo *Heathcote, VIC*



Organic, Vegan, Biodynamic and everything else....

There has been a big push over the last few years for organic, biodynamic, vegan or sustainable produce. We have made the conscious decision to identify those that adhere to these standards for the ever more discerning customer. Please note that our position is that most of the wineries we showcase are family wineries or small wineries that do this not for riches but for the sheer love of their job and the bigger wineries are equally aware of the impacts they can have on the environment. Those who are not organic or biodynamic usually have very good reason for not being so and those wineries that do use sulphur or systemic sprays only do so when they need to and not just for the sake of it.



Certified Organic – To be certified organic you can go through two organisations in Australia (ACO and NASAA) and on a yearly basis (cost is upwards of \$1000 depending on the size of your production) you have your vineyards assessed and discuss the next 12 months management plan. There is a strict list of what products you can use in the vineyard. It takes three years to achieve full certification in Australia.



Vegan – Wine in its most natural form is completely Vegan, it is fermented grape juice and they use oak, concrete, clay or stainless steel to ferment the wine which is bottled in glass with a cork or stainless steel cap. Wineries can filter or fine their wine with egg whites, skim milk powder, gelatine or Isinglass (sturgeon swim bladder gelatine). If they do not use these methods then their wine will be vegan.



Biodynamic- Created by Rudolf Steiner in 1924, this is a form of agriculture that emphasises the use of manures and composts and treats animals, soils and crops as a single system. The principle also focuses on a planting calendar based on phases of the moon broken into root, leaf, flower and fruit days. Wineries need to go through similar processes with certification as applied in the Organic certification process.



Sustainable- This applies to people who practice biodynamic or organic methods but do not choose to be certified. Ron Laughton, Jasper Hill *"I'm not certified, and I don't wish to be", explains Ron, "I can stand up with my hand on my heart and say I've been doing it for nearly 40 years... I think those that are using chemicals on their vineyard should be licensed. Why should I be certified to be clean, and do nothing harmful in my vineyard?"*



Sparkling Wine, Fizz, Champers & Bubbles

N.V	Stefano Lubiana 'Brut Reserve' Chardonnay, Pinot Noir Tasmania	14/65
N.V	Grey-Smith 'Blanc de Blancs' Chardonnay Mount Gambier, SA	13.5/60
2018	Billy Button 'Zero Dosage' Prosecco King Valley, VIC	11.5/52
N.V	Bleasdale Sparkling Shiraz Langhorne Creek, S.A	11.5/50

Riesling (reez-ling)

2017	Helm 'Classic Dry' <i>Riesling</i> Canberra District, ACT	3.8/7.5/14.2/57
2018	Tim Adam 'Skilly Ridge' <i>Riesling</i> Clare Valley, SA	3.3/6.6/12.5/50
2018	Castle Rock Estate 'Porongurup' <i>Riesling</i> Great Southern WA	3.0/5.9/11.2/45
2019	Grosset Polish Hill <i>Riesling</i> Clare Valley, SA	6.2/12.4/23.6/95

Sauvignon Blanc (savvy-bee)

2018	Wines of Merritt <i>Sauvignon Blanc</i> Margaret River, WA	3.3/6.6/12.5/50
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Sauvignon Blanc & Semillon Blends .. "Oooo a cheeky SSB..."

2017	Pierro 'LTC' <i>Sauvignon Blanc/ Semillon</i> Margaret River, WA	3.0/6.0/12.7/51
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Semillon (sem-ih-yon)

2018	Thomas Wines 'Braemore' <i>Semillon</i> Hunter Valley, NSW	3.3/6.6/12.5/50
2012	Tyrell's 'Vat 1' <i>Semillon</i> Hunter Valley, NSW	7.6/15.2/28.8/116

Pinot Gris (French) & Grigio (Italian)

2019	Reed + Reed <i>Pinot Gris</i> Mornington Peninsula, VIC	3.6/7.1/13.5/54
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Alternative White Varietals

2019	Jim Barry <i>Assyrtiko</i> Clare Valley, SA	4.0/7.9/15/60
2019	Stoney Rise <i>Gruner Veltliner</i> Tasmania	3.8/7.6/14.5/58
2018	Next Crop <i>Pinot Blanc</i> Adelaide Hills, SA	3.1/6.1/11.5/46
2019	Vineyard 28 <i>Arneis</i> Geographe, WA	2.5/4.7/9.0/36
2018	Tripe.Iscarriot 'Absolution Karridale' <i>Chenin Blanc</i> Margaret River, WA	3.6/7.2/13.7/55
2018	Shut the Gate <i>Fiano</i> Clare Valley, SA	3.3/6.6/12.5/50
2019	Terrason <i>Aligote</i> King Valley, VIC	3.0/5.9/11.2/45

Chardonnay..nay

2017	Clarence House <i>Chardonnay</i> Tasmania	3.6/7.2/13.7/55
2017	Punt Road <i>Chardonnay</i> Yarra Valley, VIC	2.5/4.6/8.8/35
2017	Honey Moon Vineyard <i>Chardonnay</i> Adelaide Hills, SA	4.7/9.4/17.4/72
2017	Mac Forbes 'Hoddles Creek' <i>Chardonnay</i> Yarra Valley, VIC	5.9/11.8/22.4/90

Rosé with an 'ay'

2018	Spinifex <i>Grenache</i> Barossa Valley, SA	3.0/5.9/11.2/45
2018	Nocturne <i>Nebbiolo Rose</i> Margaret River, WA	3.5/6.9/13.2/53
2018	Logan <i>Hannah Rose</i> Orange, NSW	2.7/5.3/10/40
2019	Rockford <i>Alicante Bouchet</i> Barossa Valley, SA	3.3/6.6/12.5/50



Pinot Noir (French) , Pinot Nero (Italian) & Spätburgunder (German)

2019	Stargazer 'Rada' <i>Pinot Meunier, Pinot Noir</i> Tasmania	4.2/8.4/15.9/64
2017	CRFT 'The Whisson Lake' <i>Pinot Noir</i> Adelaide Hills, SA	3.8/7.6/14.5/58
2017	Byrne 'Gisborne' <i>Pinot Noir</i> Sunbury, VIC	3.8/7.6/14.5/58
2018	Bindi 'Dixon' <i>Pinot Noir</i> Macedon Ranges, VIC	5.9/11.8/22.4/90

Italian alternative varietals

2016	Collector 'Rose Red City' <i>Sangiovese</i> Canberra District, ACT	3.0/5.9/11.2/45
2018	Boireann 'La Cima Superiore' <i>Barbera</i> Granite Belt, QLD	3.5/6.9/13.2/53
2019	Tsharke 'The Master' <i>Montepulciano</i> Barossa Valley, SA	2.5/3.9/7.5/30
2019	Ricca Terra <i>Nero D'Avola</i> Riverland, SA	2.7/5.3/10/40
2013	Jasper Hill 'Georgia's Paddock' <i>Nebbiolo</i> Heathcote, VIC	6.3/12.6/24/110

French, Spanish and other alternative varietals

2018	Mutual 'Promise' <i>Gamay</i> King Valley, VIC	3.6/7.2/13.7/55
2017	Mount Majura <i>Tempranillo</i> Canberra District, ACT	4.6/9.2/17.4/70
2016	Scion <i>Durif</i> Rutherglen, VIC	3.8/7.6/14.5/58

Grenache (French), Garnacha (Spanish) & Cannonau (Italian)

2017	Alain Fion 'PJ Limited' <i>Grenache</i> Barossa Valley, SA	3.8/7.6/14.5/58
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GSM, GMS, MGS, MSG, SGM, SMG & now MCG Blends but no SCG

2017	Ironcloud 'Rock of Solitude' <i>GSM</i> Geographe, WA	3.3/6.6/12.5/50
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Merlot with an 'ow'		
2015	Merite <i>Merlot</i> Wrattontully, SA	5.7/11.4/21.6/87
Cabernet Sauvignon.. please don't say CARRRR - bonnay		
2016	Redman <i>Cabernet Sauvignon</i> Coonawarra, SA	3.6/7.2/13.7/55
2018	Cooke Brothers 'Auchli Vineyard' <i>Cabernet Sauvignon</i> Adelaide Hills, SA	2.8/5.5/10.5/42
Cabernet Sauvignon Blends.. sometimes accidentally		
2014	Dodgy Bros 'The Dilemma' McLaren Vale, SA	2.8/5.5/10.5/42
Shiraz Blends, for when you run out of Shiraz		
2018	Nick Spencer 'Dry Red Blend' Gundagai, NSW	3.0/5.9/11.2/45
2017	Max & Me 'The House Blend' Eden Valley, SA	4.6/9.2/17.4/70
Shiraz (shir-ahz ... mate) & Syrah (see-rah)		
2016	Salomon Estate 'Finniss River' <i>Shiraz</i> Southern Fleurieu, SA	3.4/6.8/13/52
2017	Bleasdale 'Generations' <i>Shiraz</i> Langhorne Creek, SA	3.3/6.6/12.5/50
2012	Penfolds 'RWT' <i>Shiraz</i> Barossa Valley, SA	15.1/30.1/57.1/230
2010	Coriole 'Lloyd Reserve' <i>Shiraz</i> McLaren Vale, SA	10.2/20.3/38.5/155



Sparkling Wine Flight - \$18

- N.V. Grey-Smith 'Blanc de Blancs' *Chardonnay*
Mount Gambier, SA
- 2015 Sittella 'Grand Vintage Marie Christien Lugten' *Pinot Noir & Chardonnay*
Pemberton, WA
- N.V. Bleasdale Sparkling *Shiraz*
Lanhorne Creek, SA

Sweet Wine Flight - \$18

- 2017 Heggies Vineyard 'Botrytis' *Riesling*
Eden Valley, SA
- 2017 Fighting Gully Road 'Moelleux' *Gros Manseng*
Beechworth, VIC
- 2015 De Bortoli 'Noble One' Botrytis *Semillon*
Riverina, NSW

Fortified Wine Flight - \$18

- M.V. Pfeiffer 'Classic' *Muscat*
Rutherglen, VIC
- 2016 Kalleske 'J.M.K VP' *Shiraz*
Barossa Valley, SA
- M.V. Talijanich 'Julian James' Liqueur *Shiraz*
Swan Valley, WA